"BUD" O. L. DOWNING
Prop.

OPTICAL DEPARTMENTS

OPEN EVERY EVENING 'TIL 9:00

3928 Main St.
Kansas City, Mo.
WEstport 1-3903

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Ronald L. Downing
c/o Best's
6129 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, Missouri 64133

24th / November / 1967

Eric P. Newman
c/o Edison Brothers Store, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Mr. Newman,

I asked Mr. Russell of Coin World if she new of anyone who could authenticate an 1889 CC doubled strike Morgan type silver dollar and she gave me three names. As you are the closest to my address I wonder if you would be interested? After Studing the coin at great length (18x B&L loupe) I don't think the date has been altered but I cann't be sure, however. The mint mark is the problem as it is quite flat and looks smaller than those on the other normal '89 CC's I have but again this could be caused by the doubled strike.

If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible and I will send the XF '89 CC doubled strike to you via return registered mail. I will need to know how long it would take to authenticate one way or the other and what you would charge.

Thank you,

Ron Downing

Ronald L. Downing

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 29, 1967

Mr. Ronald L. Downing
Best's Jewelry
6129 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, Missouri 64133

Dear Mr.Downing:

We will gladly look at your 1889 CC double struck dollar, if you wish. You would, naturally, reimburse us for registration mailing fees, etc. There would be no charge,but if you want to make a contribution to this organization you are free to do so.

An X-ray picture of the mint mark and of the date will show if either has been added.

Sincerely yours,

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1st / December / 1977

Eric P. Newman
c/o Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

Enclosed you will find the 1889 CC double struck Morgan type silver dollar with clashed die in XF condition to be authenticated. As I said after studing the coin at great length, even photos, I still cann't tell for sure about the mint mark. The X-ray picture of the mint mark and date X-ray sounds like a good idea. If it is possible I would like to have the photos along with the letter of authentication to keep with the coin. I have enclosed a check in the amount of $5 to cover postage plus a small contribution. If you have a good cleaning and toning process that does not eliminate detail I would greatly appreciate your help as the coin does not have the luster an XF coin should.

Thank you,

Ron Downing

Ronald L. Downing

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 7, 1967

Mr. Ronald L. Downing
C/o Bests
6129 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, Missouri 64133

Dear Mr. Downing:

The 1889 CC Mint Dollar has been received.

The coin, in our opinion, is a genuine misstrike. It is not a double strike. The double impression on the top of the obverse and on the bottom of the reverse resulted from a slight movement of the planchet in the course of striking. When the dies began to close, the planchet was apparently not laying flat on the lower die. Whether the planchet was misshapen or bent or lying on a tilt is hard to say but the blow resulted in a slight bending of the coin. When the planchet was finally moved into proper position there was not enough force to make a full impression. You therefore have a light impression of the area before the movement of the planchet and a heavier impression after it had moved. You will also note a circumferential line below ONE on the reverse and above RIBUS on the obverse. These were caused by the planchet catching in between the collar and the upper die before the upper die forced the coin planchet into flat position.

A double strike requires two separate and complete strikings and this coin was not so struck.

The coin is returned herewith.

We do not undertake to clean or tone coins as everyone has their own feelings about this procedure.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVERING EMPLOYEE

[X] Show to whom and when delivered

[ ] Show to whom, when, and address where delivered

[ ] Deliver ONLY to addressee

(Additional charges required for these services)

RECEIPT

Received the numbered article described below.

REGISTERED NO. 2346249

CERTIFIED NO.

INSURED NO.

DATE DELIVERED 12/9/67

(1) SIGNATURE OR NAME OF ADDRESSEE (*Must always be filled in*) Beats

(2) SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT, IF ANY M. A. Tabor

SHOW WHERE DELIVERED (*only if requested*)

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16th / December / 1967

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c/o Bests
6129 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, Mo. 64133

Eric P. Newman
c/o Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of December 7th explaning that the 1889 CC silver dollar I sent was a genuine misstrike and not a double strike. I found your information very interesting but I am not sure that my purpose was accomplished.

In your letter of November 29th you mention an X-ray picture of both the date and mint mark which would supply concrete evidence as to the coins authenticity. This concrete evidence is what I would like to have and keep with the coin.

This is the first time I have ever asked anyone to authenticate a coin and as such I no nothing of the costs. If the X-ray photos would help lend credence to a claim of authenticity I would be happy to pay for them. If on the other hand you feel my situation does not need such photos then please let me know and the reasons for that sentiment.

Ron Downing

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 20, 1967

Mr.Ronald L. Downing
C/o Bests
6129 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, Missouri 64133

Dear Mr. Downing:

An X-ray photograph of your 1889 CC Silver Dollar is not worth the expenses involved in view of the fact that there is no evidence whatever of or motive for alteration,and clear evidence that the misstriking occurred on many parts of the coin.

Sincerely yours,

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